Regional Rural Banks, etc. has been set up. There has been substantial improvement in the flow of Institutional credit, several reasons which include limited ability to mobilize resources, low levels of recovery of the loans advanced, high transaction costs and frequent suspensions of recovery have affected the Cooperative Credit Structure. A number of measures have been initiated, including Kisan Credit Cards, in the matter.

Repealing the milk and milk products order

2064. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment propose to repeal the Milk and Milk Product Order which imposes restrictions on setting up units, with large capacity, by the private entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, what are Government's plans in this regard; and

(c) what safeguards are being taken by Government so that it is not misused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c)There is no proposal with the Government to repeal the Milk and Milk Product Order (MMPO). 1992. However, Government of India has decided to do away with the concept of milk shed and the requirement of registration will be for enforcing the prescribed standards of quality and food safety and there will be no restrictions on setting up new capacity. The registration shall continue to have a check in maintaining the required sanitary and hygienic standards in the dairy establishments to ensure the food safety and quality of milk and milk products before it reaches the consumers.

ACPC workshop on MSP

2065. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices organised a workshop to determine the best way of arriving at the Minimum Support Price;

(b) if so, what has been the outcome of the workshop;

(c) the details of factors considered for arriving at the Best Minimum Support Price;